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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Project title and number:	Aquaculture Development (URT/78/004)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Natural Resources and Fisheries
Date of approval:	December 1978
Starting date for project operations:	January 1979
Duration:	Two years
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$145 700 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$465 800
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Like most developing countries, the United Republic of Tanzania suffers from a shortage of animal proteins for human consumption. Fish plays the major role in the supply of these animal proteins and their production needs, at the very least, to keep abreast of the population growth in the future. In this regard, although new reservoirs and dams should, if stocked adequately, provide a sizeable addition to capture fish, aquaculture will undoubtedly have to provide a large proportion of the animal protein supply in isolated rural areas while contributing, if carried out on a large scale, to employment and income creation.

2. Fish farming is not unknown in the United Republic of Tanzania. Since 1967, about 8,000 ponds have existed in the country, mainly in the West Lake district and Ruvuma. However, the productivity of these ponds is low (approximately 800 kilogrammes per hectare per year). With their enlargement and better management as well as the creation of new ponds, a much larger output of some 200 to 300 tons in total could be expected over the next two to three years. It is intended to undertake these tasks under the present project.

II. The project

3. The long-range objectives of the project are to use the vast potential of aquaculture in the United Republic of Tanzania to increase the supply of animal proteins mainly for the rural population, while creating additional opportunities of employment and income for the same population, in order to reduce the imbalance between rural and urban development.

4. The immediate objectives are to: (a) determine the viability of fish farming at the village and/or district level, and undertake the preliminary steps for its implementation; and (b) conduct a feasibility study on the development of fish farming to be undertaken as a commercial enterprise.

5. UNDP will provide for fifty-four man-months of experts and consultants' services in fish farming, administrative support personnel, fellowships and equipment.

6. The Government will provide directly to the project the services of national technical and administrative personnel.

7. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	m/m	$
Experts	54	266 700
Training		79 100
Equipment		95 000
Miscellaneous		25 000
		465 800

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